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SB 2052 – RELATING TO LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2052 which adds early childhood education students to the Hawai'i educator loan program to allow the education loans of those individuals to be forgiven after an appropriate number of years teaching in early childhood education.

The College of Education supports the intent of this bill, provided that its passage does not impact the priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget, for continued financial support for early childhood educators. In partnership with provided financial institutions whose operations are principally conducted in Hawai'i to provide financial support to students and teachers who complete a state-approved teacher education program and who agree to teach as a full-time teacher for a period of time to be determined by the university prior to the award of a loan.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 2052.